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**NEW ENGLAND ORGANIZED CRIME  
DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE (OCDETF)**

**LAWRENCE MAN CONVICTED OF HEROIN TRAFFICKING AND UNLAWFUL  
REENTRY INTO UNITED STATES**

**Re: United States v. Victor PEREZ-TEJEDA, aka Miguel Rodriguez, aka Raphael Class**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** -- United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Drug Enforcement Administration Resident Agent in Charge Leo Ducey announced that Victor PEREZ-TEJEDA, aka Miguel Rodriguez, aka Raphael Class, DOB 9/19/64, of Lawrence, Massachusetts was convicted today of heroin distribution and immigration charges.

PEREZ-TEJEDA entered a guilty plea before U.S. District Judge Joseph A. DiClerico, Jr. to an information charging him with possession with intent to distribute heroin and unlawful re-entry into the United States after deportation during April, 2002. He faces a potential sentence of 20 years imprisonment, as well as deportation to his native Dominican Republic..

Judge DiClerico detained PEREZ-TEJEDA without bail pending his June 18, 2003 sentencing hearing in U.S. District Court.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "This case exemplifies this Office's commitment to the New England Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force, and the aggressive prosecution of crimes related to drug trafficking, including immigration crimes where appropriate."

The arrests resulted from a Boston and New Hampshire based DEA investigation conducted by the New England Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF). The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante, the Lead Attorney for the District of New Hampshire in the New England OCDETF.